Minor Tragedy Marking Worldwide Conflict.

French Peasant Woman, for Her Own Safety, Forced to Part From Her Home and Her Most Precious Possessions.

In France, Sept. 30.—The old woman was busy feeding her chickens as we rode up.

"You must come, vite, tante," says the officer in charge of the roundingup party. "We will give you a lift." But I cannot leave my pullets," says the old countrywoman, aghast. They will starve."

'You must come, tante," repeats the

"But my pullets!" walls the old cerwoman again. "They will starve if I am not here to feed them."

"Come, come, old lady," says the officer, and signs to his sergeant, night." Dismount, Jean, and help

But the old woman backs up ruptly she has the door open, and lose. with a movement wonderfully quick for so old a body, she steps inside, among her beloved poultry, and slams to the wire-covered door.

There is a tumultuous flapping and moments of dust and feathers. Then the chaos subsides, and the woman looks out defiantly from her refuge within the coop.

gently, yet with a queer little look of geant had begged for her. unexpected understanding in his eyes.

"Ah, monsieur," he whispers, "the poor old body. It breaks their hearts. But how many hearts are breaking these days! I have seen them thus many times these last days."

Then he dismounts and goes for ward himself to the coop. He does his best to persuade the old woman to listen to reason and come out; but she is too old and too frightened and too rooted to years-long customs and

"No, no! I will not come. My pullets-they will starve," she says, reiterating endlessly.

"But the Germans will come, mu mere," he says, patiently. "They will kill your pullets and eat them." "Never!" screams the old woman.

The situation has become impossible. The old woman is insensible to reason, totally unable to face and comprehend this sudden new necessity which war has brought across her quiet life.

Picture the scene as I see it in that moment, standing, pitiful and silenthelpless as all the world is in this mo ment to help the old body.

She stands in there, backed rigidly against the far side of the coop, with the chickens crowding away into the corners, cackling uneasily. Outside the officer stands, silent; for he has ceased to expostulate. The sergeant, a big, black-bearded man, is crying quite frankly, and I see that several of the other men are in tears. It is an extraordinary moment, but I am getting used here to seeing these Frenchmen show emotion like a woman one hour and fight like the incarnate spirit of war the next. I comprehend their fears, though I am very far from tears myself-only full of a great pity for the old woman.

Thus this moment of drama around an old hencoop, and then, suddenly, action-showing the iron underneath the surface in these men who are not ashamed of crying.

The officer turns quietly and says three brief words to the sergeant. The sergeant and two of the men step forward and around the front and sides of the coop. There is a sudden crashing of woodwork, and the coop is torn apart. Then-an old woman screaming wildly, insanely, and a vast fluttering and clucking of outraged chickenhood!

They lift the old woman, fighting coop, and the soldiers catch the chick- during the day and night.

ens as they come soaring and cluck-

ing out in all directions. The sergeant and his helper take the old woman into her little house and there, I presume, help her to pack, for a few minutes later she comes out, very white-faced and rigid, carrying a small bird cage and a clock, while the sergeant carries a bundle on his broad back, tied up in a bed quilt.

The old woman is not allowed to pass near the coop, but is taken to the rear and put aboard a light wagon along with a number of other unfortunates.

The sergeant comes back, and the officer whispers something to him. and I notice that he passes him a of 20-franc pieces. The big sergeant mutters some-

thing, nodding toward the disrupted coop, and after a moment the officer "Very well, Jean," he says. "Just

one, but no more. We can't cart all officer, inflexibly. "I am sorry for the live stock on the countryside!" you, ma chere; but this bitter time From the coop I hear sounds the From the coop I hear sounds that must make sacrifices. Get your tell me unmistakably that chickens clothes, old lady. We cannot wait are being converted into poultry, and I glance for explanation at the offi-

"If we leave them," he tells me, "they will only be destroyed. They will be better in our camp pot to-

Just that he tells me. Not a whisper about the fact that out of his own pocket he has sent 40 francs to against the coop and fiddles a moment | the old woman to recompense her for behind her with her left hand. Ab- the poultry which she was bound to

Five minutes later we were ready to move on, and I went to the rear to see one of the loaded wagons start off to the southward. In the tail end of it the old woman sat upon her big fluttering of bewildered poultry, and bundle, done up in the old bed quilt. the air inside the coop is full for some In one hand was her bird cage. The other was gripped on (I doubt not) the Heutenant's two gold pieces. In her lap reposed snugly two thingsher clock and one of her hens, which The officer looks at me and laughs I guessed the big black-bearded ser-

The wagon went away to the southward, and we moved forward on our errand of mercy and pain; for we had to see that all the country for a certain area was empty of non-combat

Twelve hours later great flames were rising up in our rear. The hen coop and the little farm were going up to heaven in smoke, along with many another on the borders of the great forest of Complegne.

No Excuse.

Representative Bacon of Georgia was condemning in a Macon club the German general staff for its antiformation which costs the German army thousands of lives.

"Close formation," he said, "was excellent in Napoleon's day, but with our modern machine guns, shooting myriads of bullets a minute, it is useless, it is a cruel waste of life." "But," said a German-American. we've got so many men, you know,

congressman-we've got so many, we can afford to-er-to lose-"
"My friend," Mr. Bacon interrupted, would you excuse your cook for serving you watery soup because there been a rainy season?"

A maid of twenty tries to act like a widow of forty, a widow of forty tries to act like a maid of twenty-and there you are.

Dead Soldier's Gift.

Mary of England's Work for Women fund received recently was an engagement ring which arrived by mail, accompanied by the following letter:

"The boy who gave me this before he went away will never come back. He made me promise before he joined his regiment to give it away if anything happened to him. It's a hard wrench to part with, but I promised him to do so. I send it to you as his gift to the Queen's fund."

"So you're hanging around broke

again?" said the policeman. "Yes," answered Bill the Burglar. 'I haven't a cent. I broke into a house night before last and the poor mark of a taxpayer told me such a hard luck story that he had me sheddin' tears an' lendin' him my last

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Happenings of Interest

throughout MISSOURI

ROLLA-Ernst J. Stech, formerly ecretary and treasurer of a Belleville dry goods firm, was arrested by Sheriff Mulconnery of Belleville on a capias issued by the grand jury at Belleville charging him with deserting his wife February 7, 1913. Stech has been living for some time on a farm with his mother, widow of a former South African missionary.

ST. LOUIS-Corinne Shine, 9 years old, 5451 Odell avenue, died at the City Hospital from the shock of an operation performed recently to remove a toy watch the size of a 5-cent plece that lodged in her throat when she accidentally swallowed it.

SPRINGFIELD-Former Judge H. G. Mulligan, 79, pioneer resident of Greene County, is dead at his home north of Springfield. He served two terms as judge of the County Court and twice represented the county in the State Legislature.

WEST ALTON-The raising of the steamer Belle of Calhoun, which was beached on the south end of Illini Island to prevent her sinking in the middle of the Mississippi River, has

POPLAR BLUFF.-The big Russell-Wisdom revival at the Southern Methodist church came to a close on Sunday evening and it reached the close with a grand climax, for on this occasion of the last service 200 persons were turned from the church because of the want of room in which to take care of the audience.

POPLAR BLUFF,-Typhoid fever having made its appearance here the board of health advises that all drinking water be boiled

FULTON,-Students of Westminster college have organized a prohibition league. The membership includes the major portion of the student body.

MEXICO .- C. C. Hickman of Farber has bought the handsome Bragg property here and will make this place his home. Mr. Hickman traded in one of the finest farms in Audrain county as part payment on the deal.

COLUMBIA,-The Boone County Trust Co., which recently sent \$50 to the Kennett Commercial Club to buy a bale of cotton, has received a letter from the latter stating that the bale quated close formation in attack, a of cotton bought was produced on the farm of Mrs. M. E. Pool, whose husband recently died.

> DRESDEN .- L. P. Keller went to Omaha to see the sights. Within two blocks of the depot he became acquainted with two men and soon was matching dollars. In half an hour he lost his money, \$80, and borrowed enough from one of the confidence men to buy a ticket home.

POPLAR BLUFF.—George Rogers, a farmer living south of Poplar Bluff. was accidentally shot while hunting. Rogers sat down on a log, and, leaning his gun against it, in some way the gun was discharged, the shot striking him in the face and shoulder. He probably will die.

MACON.-The murder charge against George Houck, who killed John H. Dale, a blacksnith, was dismissel in the Shelby county circuit Houck is an officer of the Shelby Northwestern railroad.

SEDALIA .- President Stillwell of Higginsville, Grand Chancellor Robincon of La Plata and Grand Inner Guard Drummond of Odessa, all of the Ninth Pythian district of Missouri, met with the two local lodges and arranged for the initiation of the Rathbone Bible class of 200 members here on Nov. 23.

JEFFERSON CITY.-Good roads advocates the state over are engaged in a heroic effort to save the mill-tax amendment from defeat, and there is a possibility that their efforts may pull it through.

MARSHALL .- The Y. M. C. A work was represented in the Missouri synod by James M. Banks of St. He is state secretary of the Louis. association. Rev. Charles A. Arnold presented Sabbath School works

MACON.-Miss Goldye Reedy, teacherer of the La Porte district school, is teaching her girl students how to make their own garments and the boys how to sew on buttons as a part of the curriculum.

SPRINGFIELD.-A resolution recommending the uniting of Carlton college, a Methodist Episcopal school in Farmington, Mo., with Marion college, a Methodist Episcopal, South, school in Fredericktown, Mo., was adopted at the session of the St. Louis conference of the Methodists Episcopal church at Marionville.

GREENVILLE .-- R. Laird, general superintendent for the Wayne Iron and Lumber company, owned by a Canadian syndicate, has departed for Regina, Saskatchewan, where he has been commissioned a lieutenant in the Canadian army service corps.

HANNIBAL .- A grand jury, which has been in session here for two weeks made a final report to Judge William T. Ragland in the court of common pleas. It recommended the erection of a new jail, declaring the present one is a disgrace to the city.

SEDALIA.-John M. Jackson. hicken fancier, has a 4-year-old Houian pullet that has commenced to trow a second pair of wings. The fowl will be exhibited at the Pettis ounty poultry show in December.

BUFFALO .- William Campbell, ing farmer, was shot and killed near ere. Shortly after the shooting Alred Isancs, also a farmer, was ar-cested and charged with the crime. It is said that they quarreled over al-leged attentions Isancs paid to Camp

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Too Much Style.

"Why did you leave your boarding house?" "My landlady was too formal." "That's a singular reason."

"You see, it was this way. She put on so many airs that I kept forgetting she was my landlady and not my hostess. At the end of a week she had me so badly bluffed I was afraid to ask for a second helping."

NEARLY CRAZY WITH ECZEMA

354 Plum St., Youngstown, Ohio. "Blotches like ringworms started to come out all over my face and neck Later it took the form of white flakes and when I would rub they came off in little white scales. The eczema so disfigured me that I was ashamed to go out anywhere. It itched all the time and whenever I perspired or got my face the least bit wet, it would burn until I very nearly went crazy. The more I rubbed or scratched the more it spread and it made me so

restless I could not sleep at night. "One day a friend prevailed upon me to get a sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment They caused the itching to stop instantly and in a very few days my face and neck began to show a marked improvement. I used three cakes of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment and my face and neck are completely cured." (Signed) Newton D. W. Chapman,

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But Not With Water. H-I gave a poor man a dollar yesterday and told him to come around

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and let me know how he was getting She-That was good of you; like

casting your bread upon the waters. He-Yes, something like that. Any way he came back this morning The woman who wants her own way

can't understand why her husband With one foot in the grave it doesn't take a man very long to get there with

woman may have faith in her husband, but she seldom believes more than half he says.

Lots of men walk miles to hear a political speech who wouldn't walk a

Men boast of their bravery when they resist a small temptation.

Humility is a virtue we all admire

NAVY'S LAST WOODEN SHIP

Relic of the Old Type of War Vessel Passes to New Jersey's Naval Militia.

The Adams, the last of the old wooden ships of the United States navy, which from 1908 until last fall was the training ship of the Pennsylvania State Nautical school has been turned over to the New Jersey naval militia for their cruise off the Maine coast, we read in the Philadelphia Ledger.

This relic of the "old navy" is one of the most picturesque ships now affoat. Bark rigged, with her towering masts and high black topsides and the guns peering through her ports she is an object of admiration and curiosity in every part she visits. She was built in 1874. Until June, 1889, when she went to Samoa, she had an uneventful existence. During the controversy with Germany she was the sole defender of the American flag in that territory. She then was sent to the Pacific coast, and in 1894 went ashore in Bering strait. She was floated, repaired and brought back to the United States. She then went out of commission, until 1908, when she was turned over to the Pennsylvania State Nautical board.

BRITISH MEDALS OF HONOR

Coveted Decorations Awarded for Exceptionally Meritorious Work in Military Service.

We are so frequently confronted in the newspapers at the present time with General So-and-So. V. C., or D. S. O., or other cryptic combination of letters following the name, that it may be of interest to have the key to some of the riddles. In the English army there are three principal decorations. The foremost and most cov eted is the V. C. (Victoria Cross) which either officers or men can at tain by a deed of undaunted gallantry or heroism. The D. S. O. (Distinguished Service Order) is a distinction conferred on commissioned officers who have been mentioned in dispatches for especially meritorious service in the field before the enemy. The D. C. M., or Distinguished Conduct Medal, we hear less of, as it is a decoration awarded more to the noncommissioned ranks. As in the case of the D. S. O., it is given for personal distinction on the fighting line.

The Forward Turn. Pierre Rodjestvensky, the Russian consul to San Francisco, said in a ecent military argument:

"These assailants of the Russian campaign are ignorant. Their arguments show a military ignorance as great as the sea ignorance that was shown by the young tripper on his first visit to Coney island. "As this tripper and his girl stood

on the Coney Island beach, the young woman said: "'Al, is the tide going out or coming in? 'Coming in, of course, you dunce,

Al answered. 'Can't you see which way the waves are turning' over?' British Recruiting.

Warlike Mistress-Don't you think, James, you would like to join Lord

Kitchener's army? Peaceful Footman - Thank you. mum; but I don't see as 'ow I'd be bettering myself. War's for them as like it, which I never did .-- London Punch.

Too Assertive. "Do his attainments speak for them

selves?" "They might, if he would permit them to, but he insists on being their

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"Hold on a minute." said a man to his party over the telephone, "central's on the wire." "I ain't, either!" exclaimed the in dignant central.

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The Result. "I made the dressmaker take out a lot of stitches in my waist."

"I'll bet she was ripping mad." Her Part. "She's fond of acting, isn't she?" 'Yes, indeed. She plays the mis-

chief with a fellow!"-Judge. Codfish Catch Fell Off. Newfoundland's codfish catch last year was worth \$7,897,000, somewhat selow that of the year before,

so concelted they imagine they are the whole parade every time they go for a walk.

An old man who suffers from dyspepsia has but little sympathy for a young woman who merely has a ken heart. It isn't hard work that kills a man.

It's usually scheming how he can put

in the most time en a short job that plays havoc with his vitality, Nurses in the St. Louis hospitals are only required to be on duty nine

hours out of 24. Wives , can't understand why hus ands need pin money.

An epicure says that a lot of di-orces come out of the frying pan.

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Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria A Truth From Germany. Hans Diedricht of the German consulate in Charleston was arguing with lucid eloquence and irrefutable logic in a Charleston club on the pacific

disposition of the kaiser. A Charleston banker interrupted Mr. Diedricht, but the latter stuck firmly and calmly to his argument's intricate thread. The banker interrupted a second

time, but, as before, Mr. Diedricht kept on unmoved. But when for the third time there came an interruption rage got the

better of the German diplomatist and

striking the table with his first, he shouted in a loud, fierce voice: "'Empty stomachs make the most

Scrapple Season.

Dr. Cyrus Townsend Brady, the eminent novelist and divine, said in New York one brisk October day: "This is the scrapple season, the scrapple season par excellence. It is, however, only in Philadelphia that

one can really enjoy scrapple. For

Philadelphia is the home of scrapple.

and elsewhere the delectable dish is suspect." Doctor Brady laughed. "For the perfect enjoyment of love," he said, "there must be perfect con-

fidence-and this is also true of scrap

ple.

Progress Reported. "Have you learned that new dance?" "Well," replied Uncle Flopsole, "I haven't quite learned it, but I'm get ting on. I don't feel exactly graceful as yet, but I've got over being afraid

that I'll fall down,"-Washington Star The Bald Row. "What is the matter with that

man?" asked the inquisitive little girl at the theater. "The man sitting in the front row?" "Yes'm. The one whose hair is too

small for him."

Boils

Malaria

Biliousness

Constipation

A ring with a glass set in it will make any little girl happy until she meets another little girl with a ring that has two glass sets in it.

When an old bachelor decides to get married he keeps as mum on the subject as if he were about to rob a safe

One sure way to save money is no

Don't try to convince a mule that he is stubborn. He knows it.

to own a flock of automobiles

Reims cathedral had a narrow the better grades considerable clay, cape from destruction in July, 1481, when some plumbers, who had been mending the roof, left a braiser, half value of these imports last year ex- extinguished, among the timbers. ceeding two million two hundred and The following morning smoke and fifty thousand dollars. It seems prob- flames were seen issuing from the able, says the United States geological spire which crowned the choir of the survey, that under the necessity due cathedral. It was late in the afternoon before the flames could be extic supply these finer clays can be tinguished, and by that time the cenin large part replaced. Already a trai spire, most of the roof and the process of decoloring kaolin is reporttransept gables were completely deed as successful, and this may make stroyed. Louis XI was so furious when he heard of the catastrophe that he announced his intention of evicting the canons of the cathedral. through whose negligence the fire was said to have spread, and putting

monks in their place.

Theoretically China is a republic. but it is hardly believable that it is, such in the sense that this country is. We may be sure that, despite its republican name, China is ruled largely by a few men at Peking. Self-government is something that is slowly acguired. It cannot be brought about in a day by conventional rulings.

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